

# Modelling of air quality for paintings in microclimate frames

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Experiences of the Norwegian Institute for Air Research  
(NILU) in providing “Air Quality Services for Cultural Heritage  
Professionals”

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Improved Protection of Paintings during Exhibition, Storage and Transit



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# Painting degradation Worst case?

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- Painted about 1935
- Moved to "worse" climate in 1995



New damage appeared

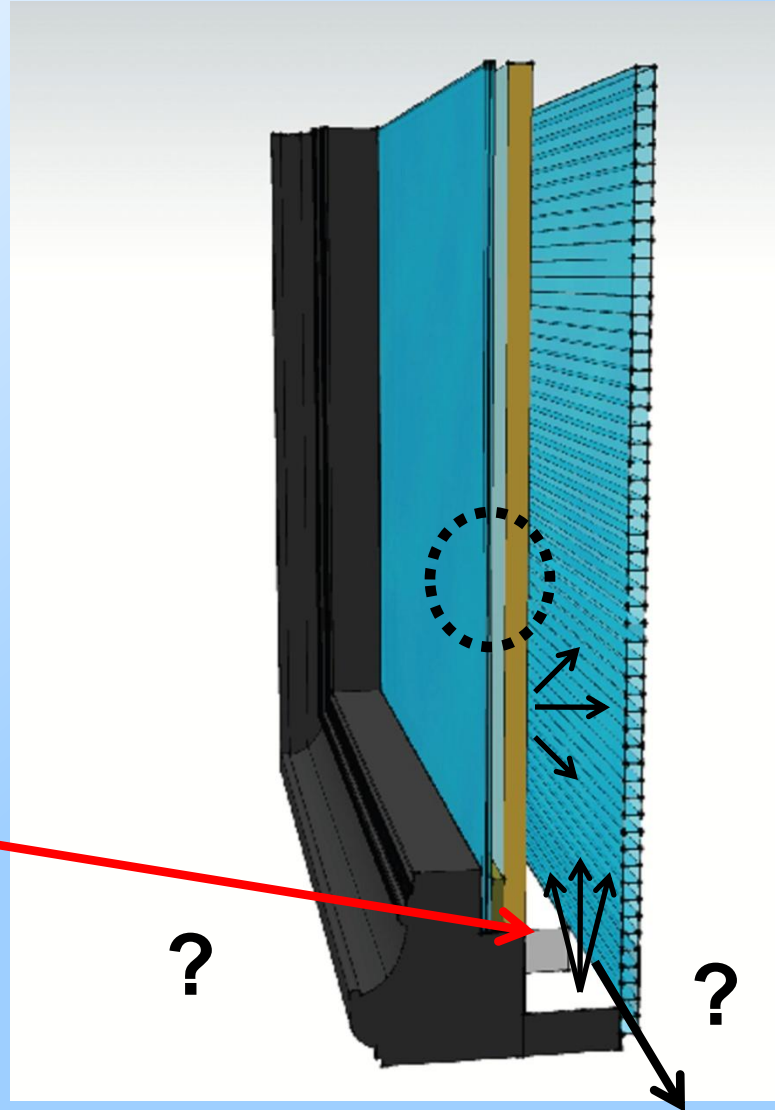
# Gaseous pollutants in mc-frames

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**Infiltration from outside (outdoor – room):**

**NO<sub>2</sub>, O<sub>3</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>S etc.**



**Inside emission:**

VOCs:

**Acetic acid**

**Formic acid**

Formaldehyde

H<sub>2</sub>S etc.

# "Impact pollutant flux" to painting

$$F_o(ox + ac) = F_o(NO_2 + O_3) + F_o(Form.ac + Ac.ac) \cdot C_{T1} / C_{T2}$$

**Infiltrating**
**Mainly emitted inside mc-frame**

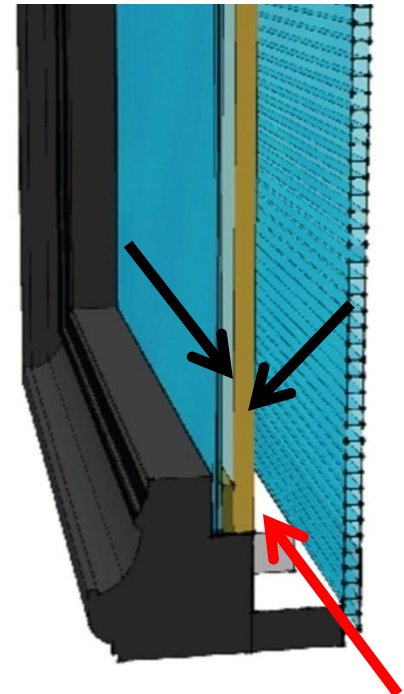
## Recommended levels

$$C_{T1} (NO_2 + O_3) = 2 \mu g m^{-3}$$

$$C_{T2} (Acetic + formic acid) = 100 \mu g m^{-3}$$

$$F = v_d \times C(\lambda)$$

$$\bar{C}_i = \frac{\lambda f V C_0}{\lambda V + v_{do} A_o + v_{df} A_f} + \frac{e A_e + H V}{\lambda V + v_{do} A_o + v_{df} A_f}$$





# Procedure

## Measurements:

- **Ventilation rate** (air exchange) (**CO<sub>2</sub> method**)
- Inside and outside **concentrations** (**Passive diff. samplers**)
- Mc-frame geometry (**Volume**, Internal frame and object **area**)

## Calculation:

- Impact **fluxes** to the painting
- Inside frame emission rates
- Inside deposition velocity

# MICRO-CLIMATE FRAME POLLUTION EVALUATION

## Recommended levels ( $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ )

$\text{NO}_2 + \text{O}_3$

Acetic + formic acid

## INPUT

### Frame geometry

Volume ( $\text{m}^3$ )

Internal mc-frame area ( $\text{m}^2$ )

Object area ( $\text{m}^2$ )

Air exchange rate ( $\text{d}^{-1}$ )

### Pollutant gas 1 ( $\text{O}_3 + \text{NO}_2$ , - usually infiltrating)

External concentration ( $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ )

Internal concentration ( $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ )

### Pollutant gas 2 (Acetic + formic acid, - mainly inside emission)

External concentration ( $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ )

Internal concentration ( $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ )

## Design evaluation

New volume addition (include minus = "-" if negativ)

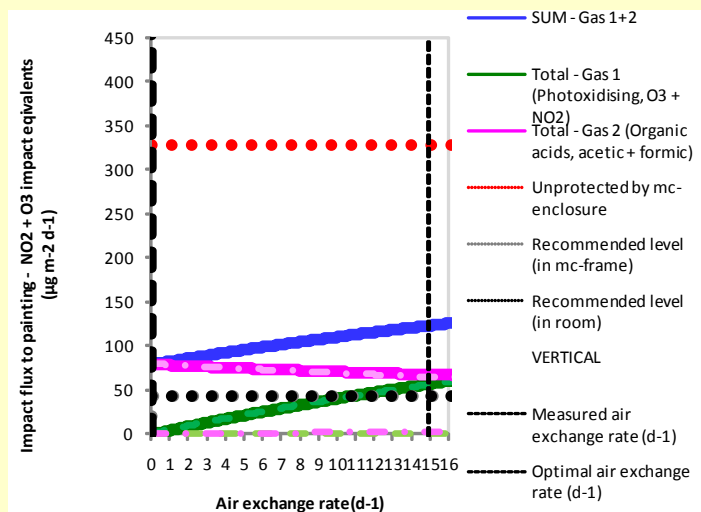
New changed volume

Added area of total absorber (e.g. activated carbon) ( $\text{m}^2$ )

Absorber multiple of internal frame deposition velocity

Air exchange interval ( $\text{d}^{-1}$ )

**Result (SUM - Gas 1+2) ( $\mu\text{g m}^{-2} \text{d}^{-1}$ )**



# Excel model

|  |     |
|--|-----|
|  | 2   |
|  | 100 |

| Mc-frame and environmental data |         |
|---------------------------------|---------|
|                                 | 0.315   |
|                                 | 1.475   |
|                                 | 0.625   |
|                                 | 14.900  |
|                                 | 30.400  |
|                                 | 5.300   |
|                                 | 33.144  |
|                                 | 317.111 |

|  |       |
|--|-------|
|  | 0.000 |
|  | 0.315 |
|  | 0.000 |

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|  | 10  |
|  | 0.1 |

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|--|-----|

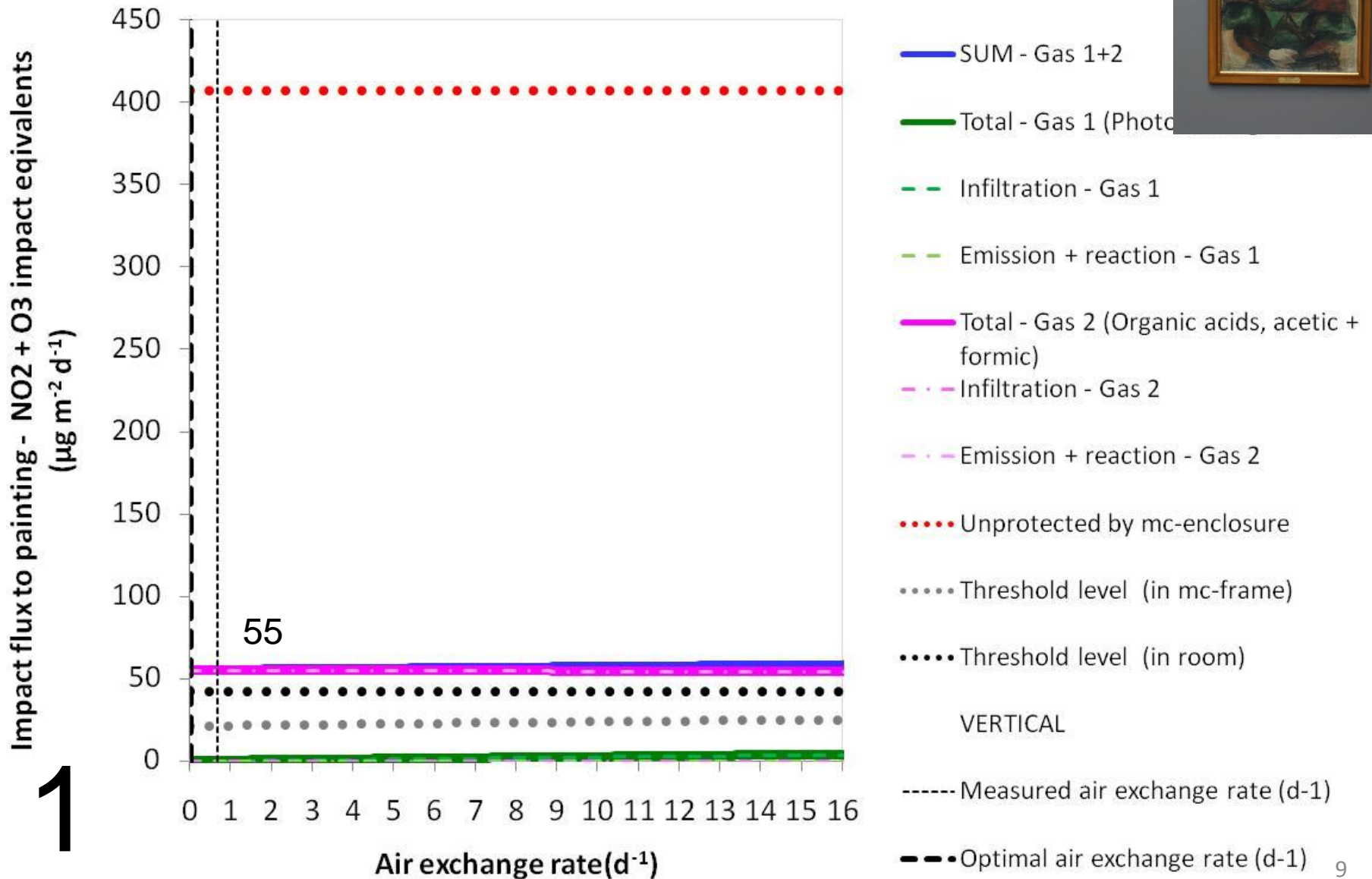


# Frame - data

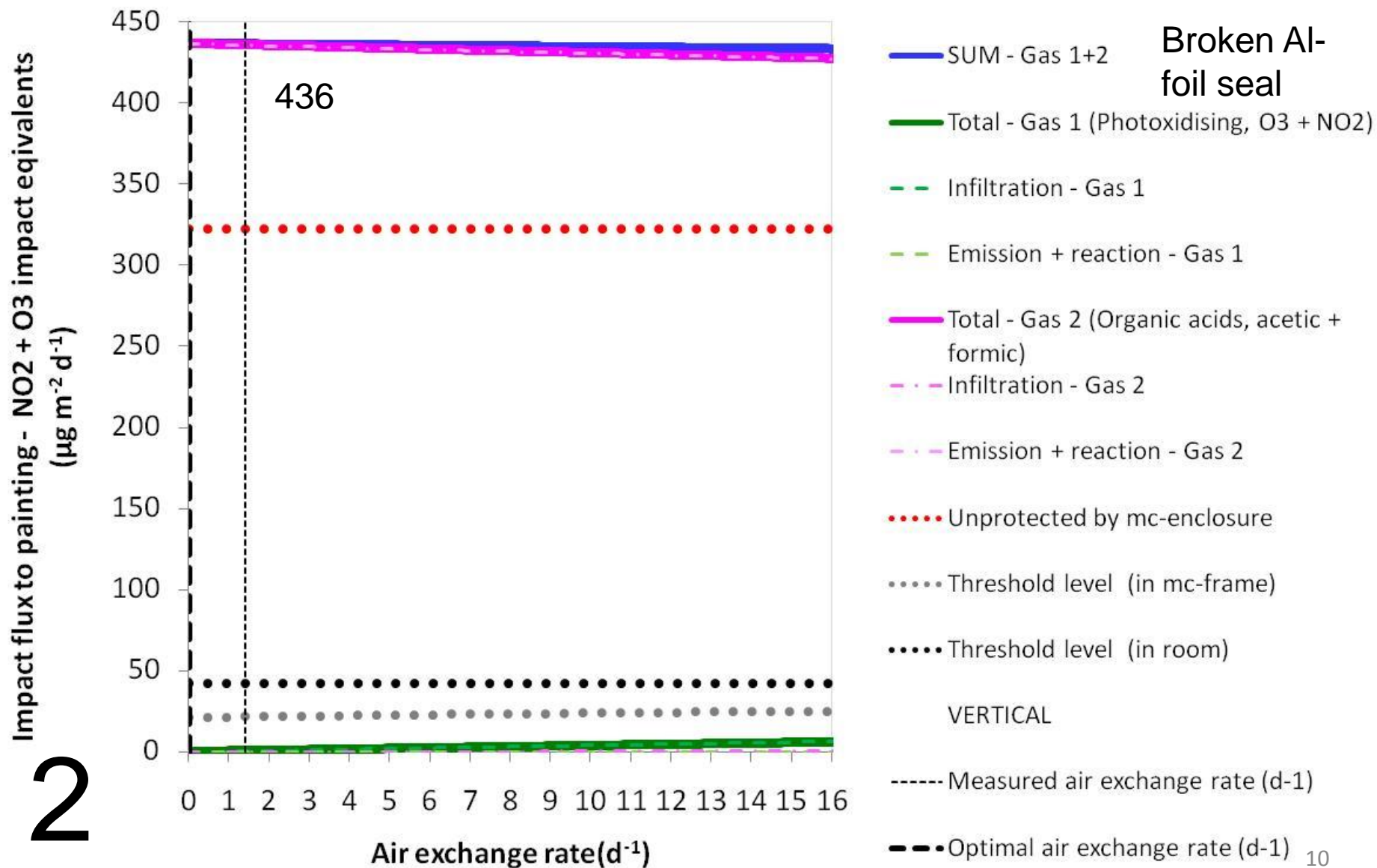
| INPUT  | Frame and environment data |                 |                  |
|--|----------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
|  | Frame no 1 (NG)            | Frame no 2 (KH) | Frame no 3 (NMK) |
| <b>Frame geometry</b>  |                            |                 |                  |
| Volume (m <sup>3</sup> )   | 0.013                      | 0.041           | 0.32             |
| Internal frame area (m <sup>2</sup> )  | 0.71                       | 1.13            | 1.48             |
| Object area (m <sup>2</sup> )  | 1.3                        | 1.8             | 0.62             |
| Air exchange rate (d <sup>-1</sup> )   | 0.67                       | 1.4             | 14.9             |
| <b>Pollutant gas 1 (O<sub>3</sub> + NO<sub>2</sub>)</b><br><b>- Usually infiltrating</b>   |                            |                 |                  |
| External concentration (µg m <sup>-3</sup> )   | 38                         | 30              | 30               |
| Internal concentration (µg m <sup>-3</sup> )   | 1.5                        | 2.5             | 5.3              |
| <b>Pollutant gas 2</b><br><b>(Acetic + formic acid)</b><br><b>- Mainly inside emission</b> |                            |                 |                  |
| External concentration (µg m <sup>-3</sup> )   | 29                         | 63              | 33               |
| Internal concentration (µg m <sup>-3</sup> )   | 260                        | 2058            | 317 <sup>8</sup> |



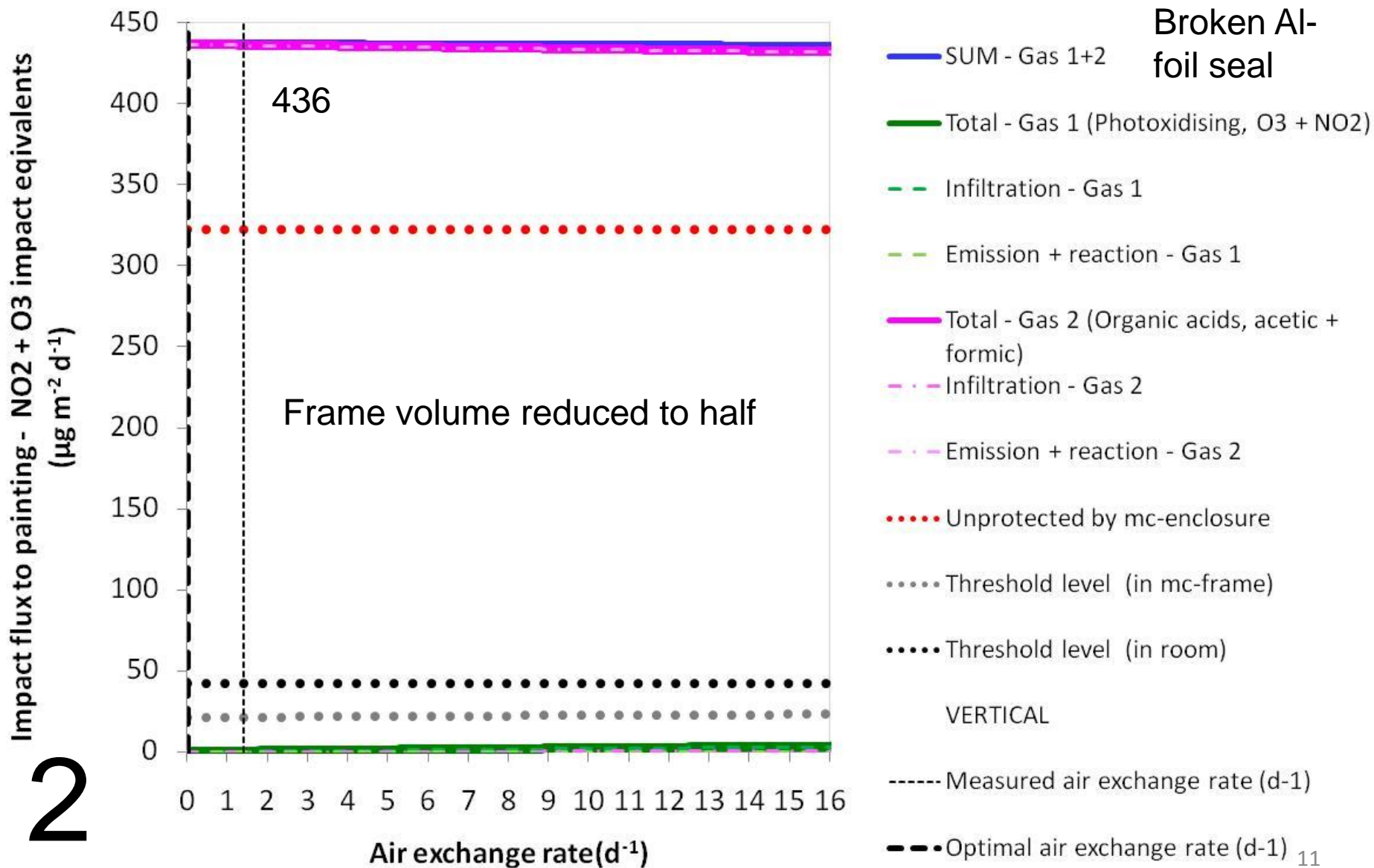
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# Kenwood House – UK (Claude de Jongh )

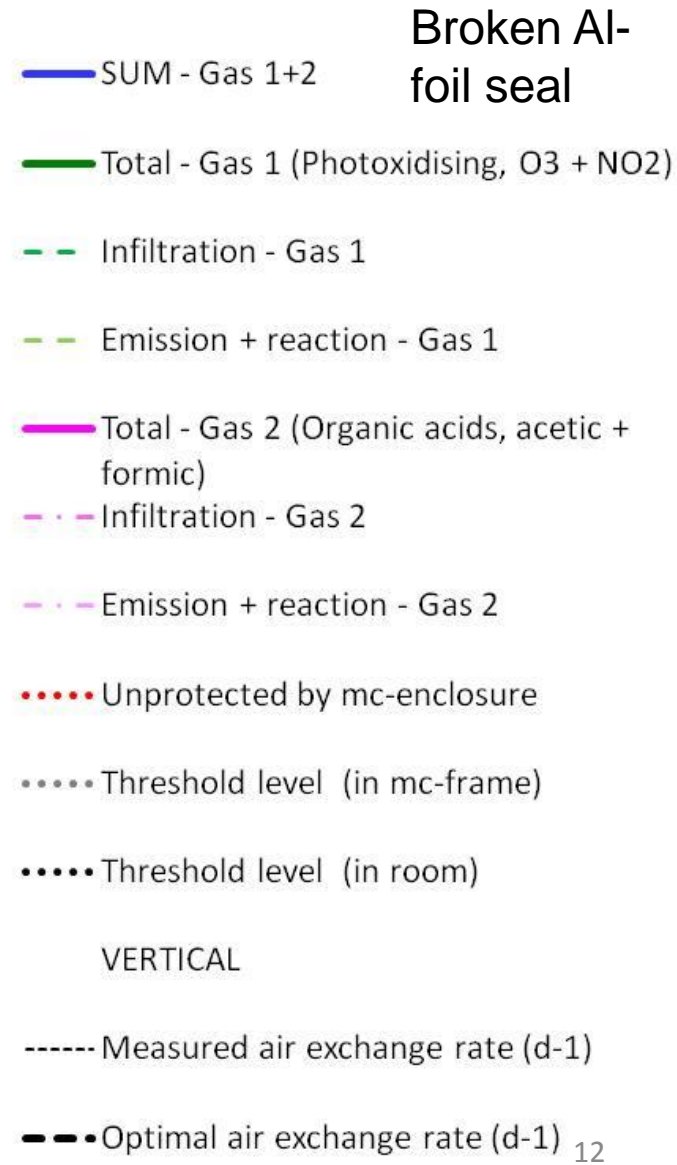
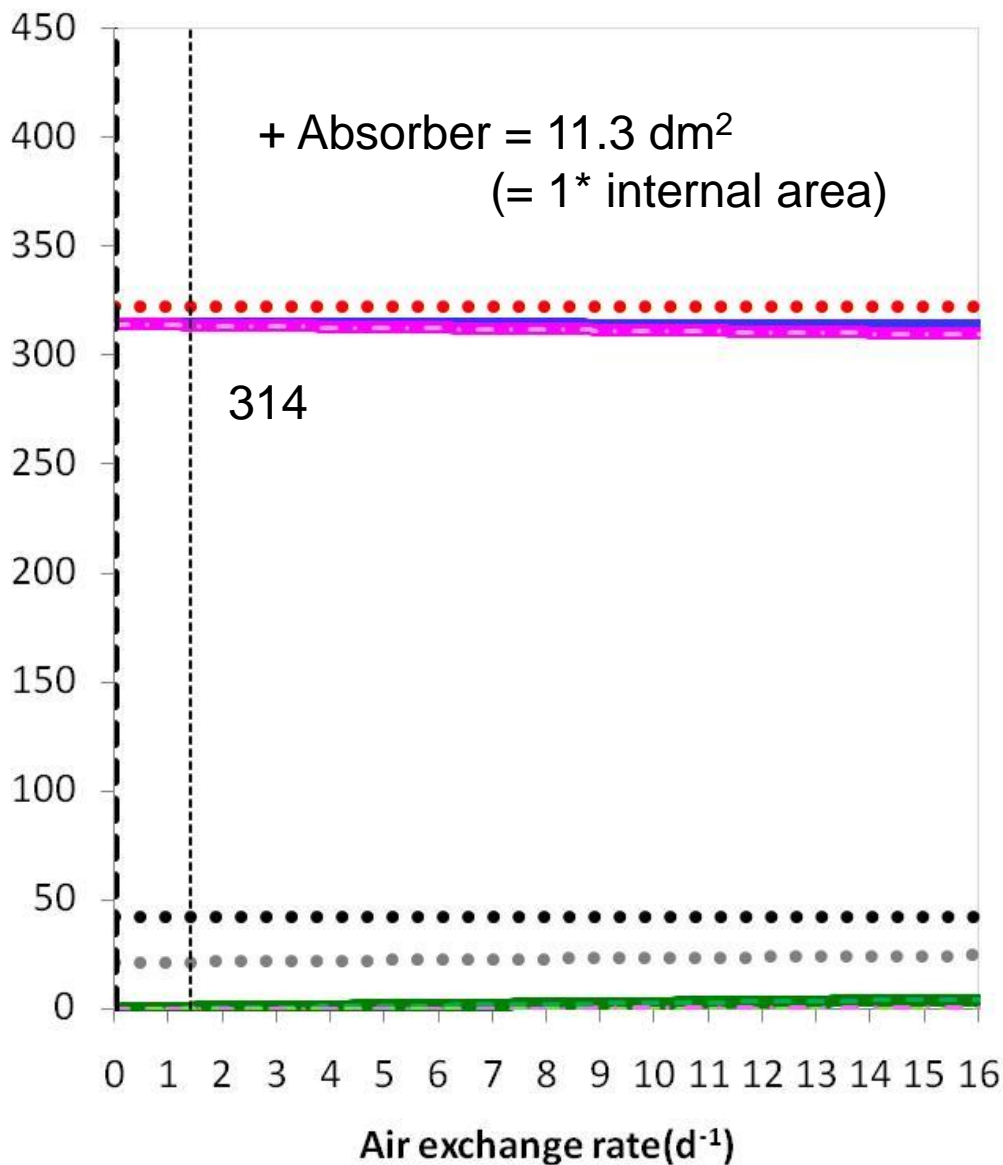


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Impact flux to painting - NO2 + O3  
( $\mu\text{g m}^{-2} \text{d}^{-1}$ )

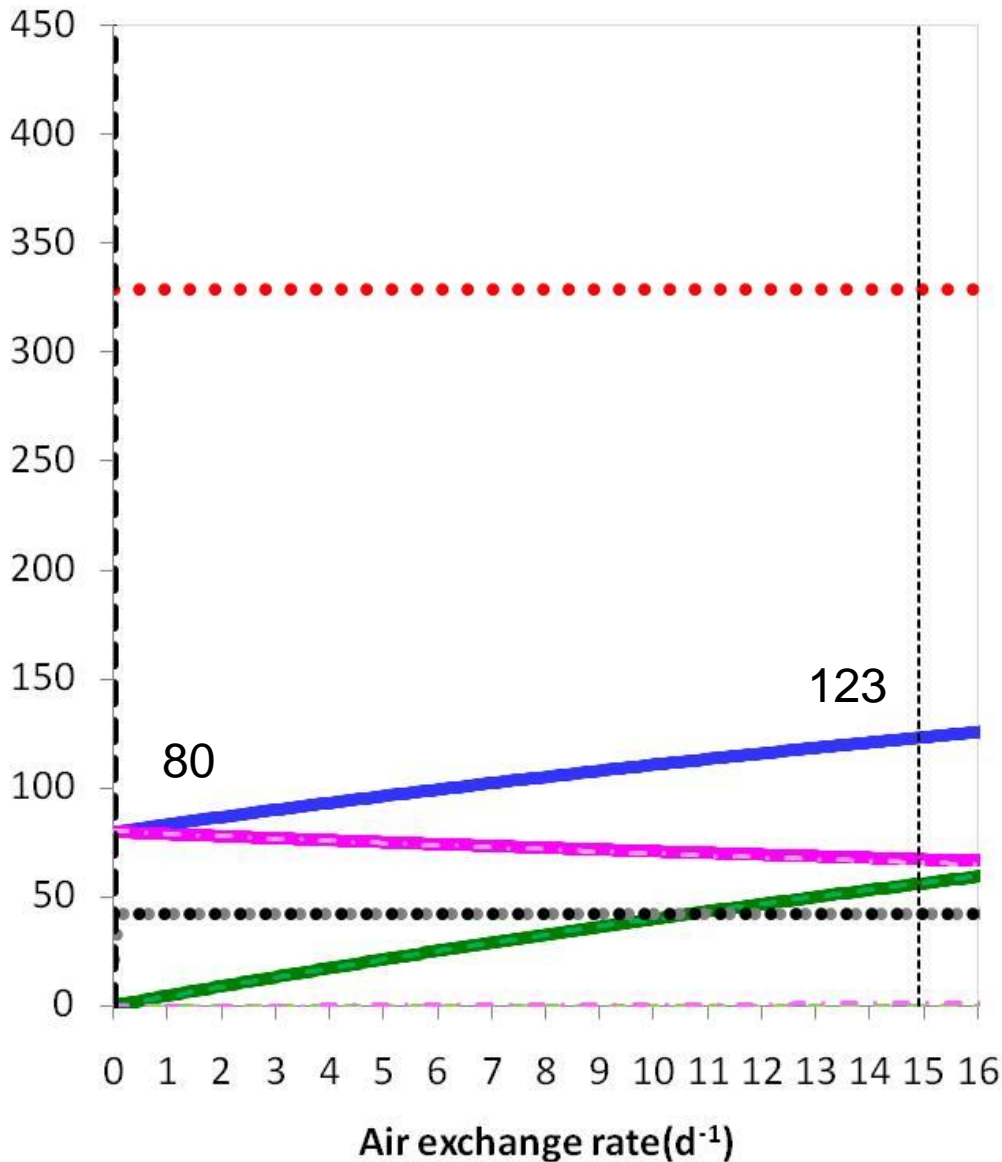


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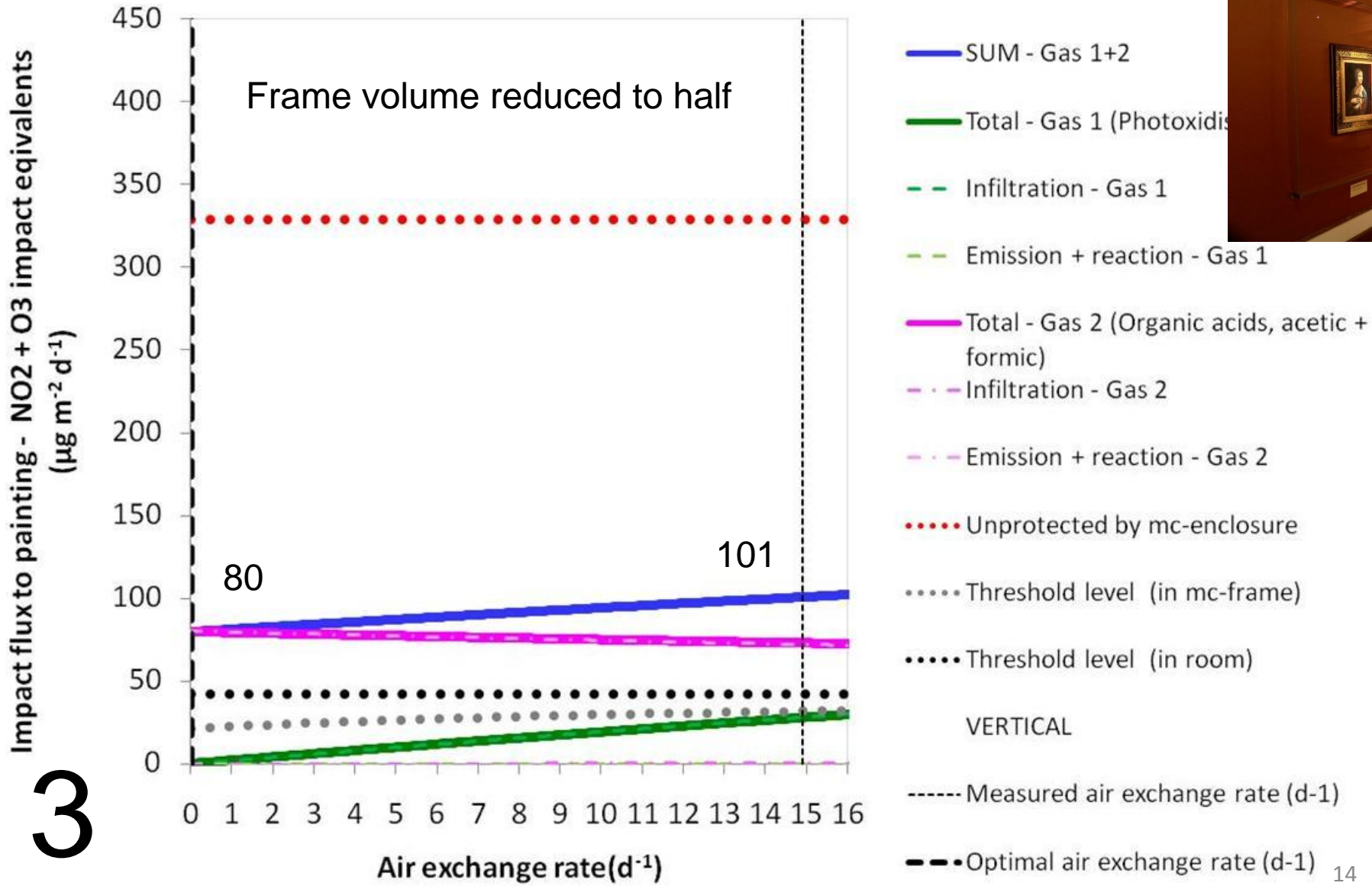
Impact flux to painting - NO<sub>2</sub> + O<sub>3</sub> impact equivalents  
( $\mu\text{g m}^{-2} \text{d}^{-1}$ )

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- SUM - Gas 1+2
- Total - Gas 1 (Photooxidising)
- - - Infiltration - Gas 1
- - - Emission + reaction - Gas 1
- Total - Gas 2 (Organic acids, acetic + formic)
- - - Infiltration - Gas 2
- - - Emission + reaction - Gas 2
- ..... Unprotected by mc-enclosure
- ..... Threshold level (in mc-frame)
- ..... Threshold level (in room)
- VERTICAL
- Measured air exchange rate ( $\text{d}^{-1}$ )
- - - Optimal air exchange rate ( $\text{d}^{-1}$ )

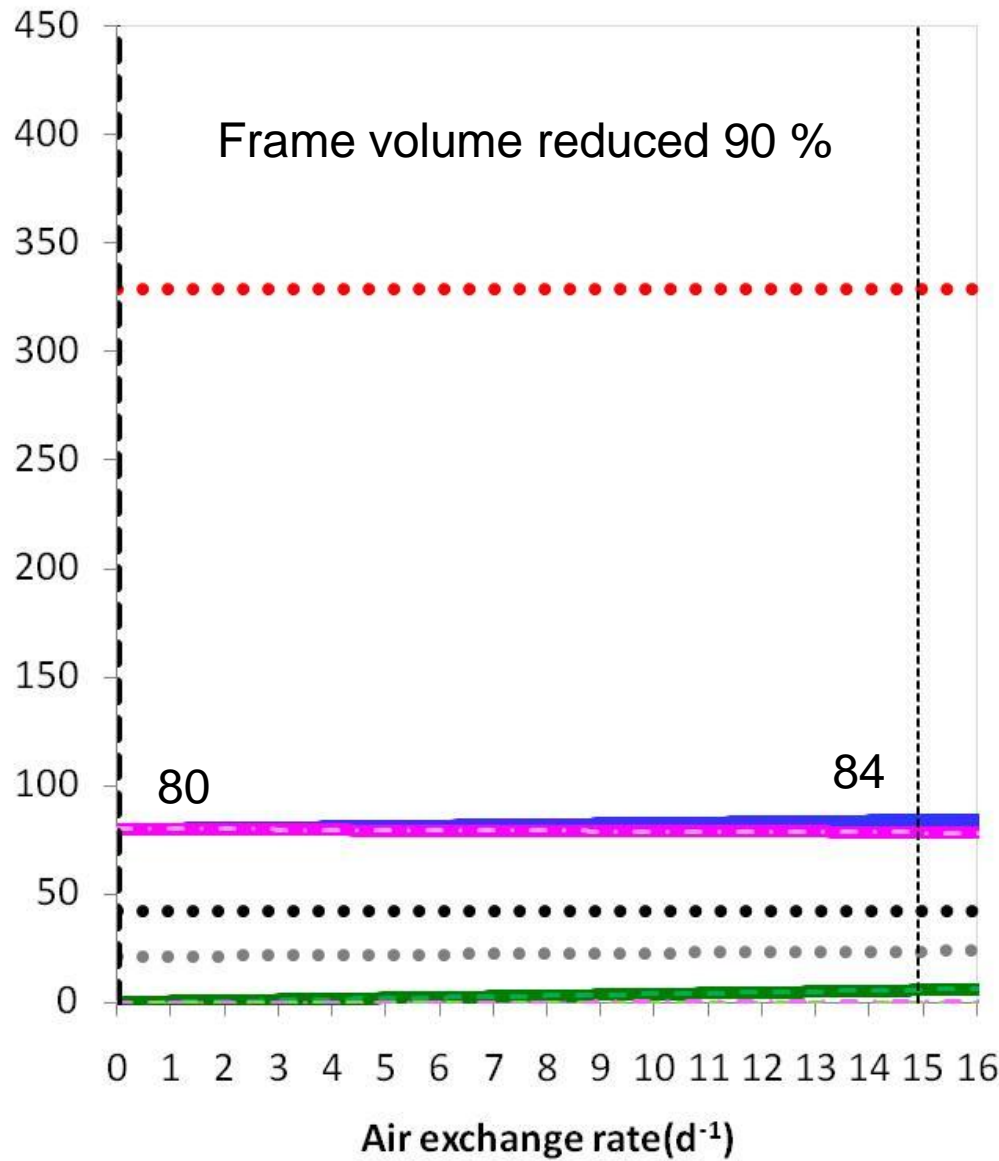
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Impact flux to painting - NO<sub>2</sub> + O<sub>3</sub> impact equivalents (μg m<sup>-2</sup> d<sup>-1</sup>)

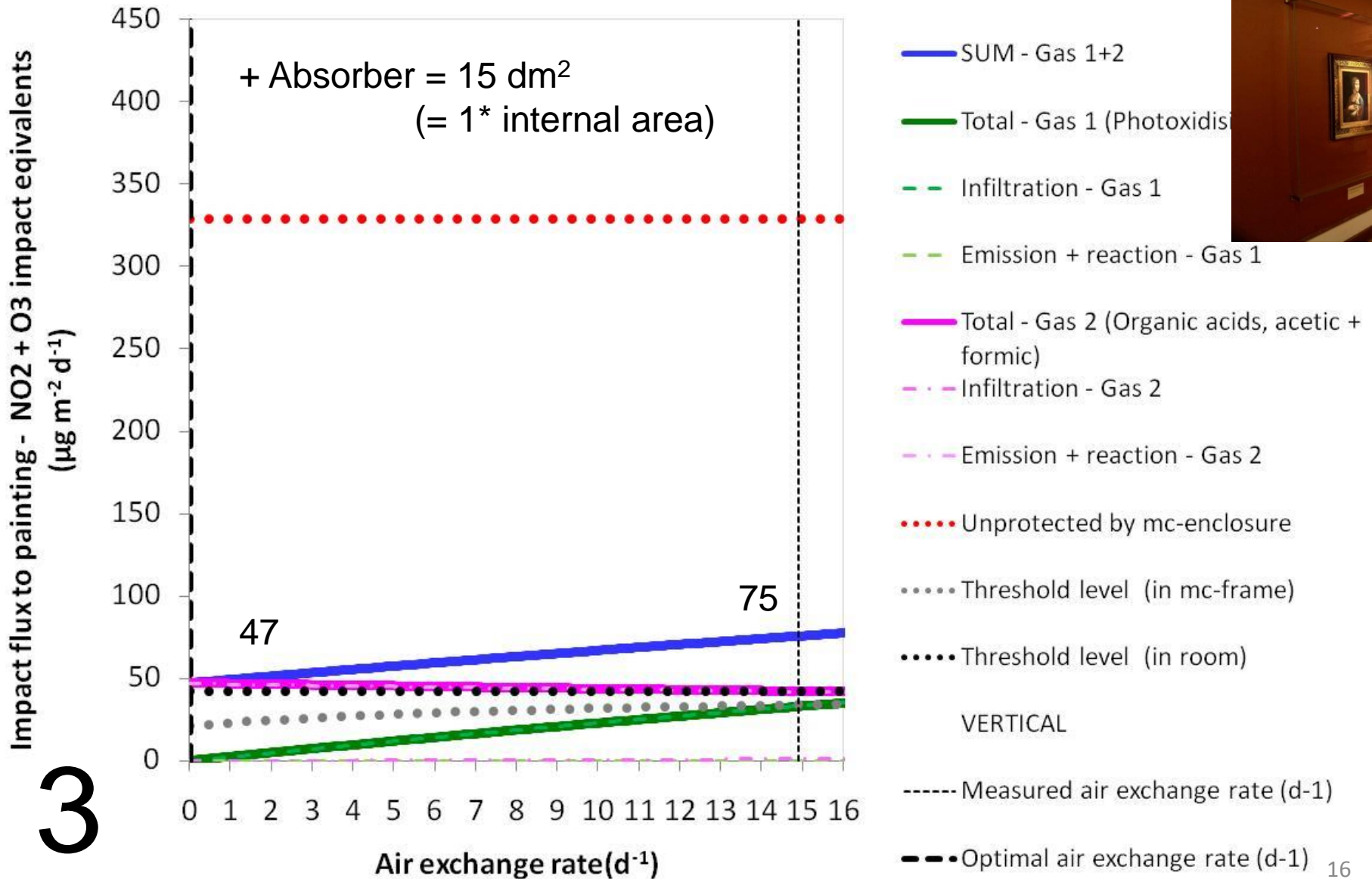
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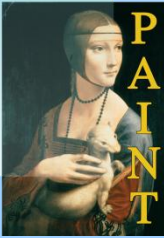
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# Modelling - Results

Munch  
Claude de Jongh  
Leonardo

Storage and Transit

| Frame no. (Table 1)  | 1         | 2       | 3         | 4       | 5       | 6       |
|--|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|---------|---------|
| <b>Pollution and frame parameters</b>  |           |         |           |         |         |         |
| Total impact flux in mc-frame ( $\mu\text{g m}^{-2}\text{day}^{-1}$ ) <sup>1</sup>           | 584       | 55      | 436       | 125     | 123     | 108     |
| Total impact flux in room ( $\mu\text{g m}^{-2}\text{day}^{-1}$ ) <sup>1</sup>               | 298       | 407     | 322       | 378     | 329     | 165     |
| Total threshold impact flux ( $\mu\text{g m}^{-2}\text{day}^{-1}$ ) <sup>1</sup>             | 22        | 21      | 22        | 21      | 42      | 22      |
| Flux from infiltration. "Gas 1" ( $\mu\text{g m}^{-2}\text{day}^{-1}$ )                      | 0.18      | 0.16    | 0.53      | 0.065   | 56      | 0.093   |
| Flux from inside emission. "Gas 1" ( $\mu\text{g m}^{-2}\text{day}^{-1}$ )                   | 0         | 0       | 0         | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| Total inside emission (+ reaction) rate. "Gas 1" ( $\mu\text{g day}^{-1}$ ) <sup>2</sup>     |           |         |           |         |         |         |
| Impact flux from infiltration. "Gas 2" ( $\mu\text{g m}^{-2}\text{day}^{-1}$ ) <sup>1</sup>  | 0.036     | 0.0024  | 0.023     | 0.0021  | 1.2     | 0.028   |
| Impact flux from emission. "Gas 2" ( $\mu\text{g m}^{-2}\text{day}^{-1}$ ) <sup>1</sup>      | 584       | 55      | 436       | 125     | 66      | 108     |
| Real flux from infiltration. "Gas 2" ( $\mu\text{g m}^{-2}\text{day}^{-1}$ )                 | 1.8       | 0.12    | 1.1       | 0.11    | 61      | 1.4     |
| Real flux from inside emission. "Gas 2" ( $\mu\text{g m}^{-2}\text{day}^{-1}$ ) <sup>2</sup> | 29200     | 2747    | 21800     | 6250    | 3300    | 5420    |
| Total inside emission (+ reaction) rate "Gas 2" ( $\mu\text{g day}^{-1}$ ) <sup>3</sup>      | 54300     | 5480    | 63300     | 13200   | 8380    | 16900   |
| Surface deposition velocity used, object and frame inside ( $\text{m s}^{-1}$ ) <sup>4</sup> | 0.00012   | 0.00012 | 0.00012   | 0.00012 | 0.00012 | 0.00012 |
| Threshold concentration level - "Gas 1" ( $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ ) <sup>5</sup>                | 2         | 2       | 2         | 2       | 2       | 2       |
| Threshold concentration level - "Gas 2" ( $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ ) <sup>5</sup>                | 100       | 100     | 100       | 100     | 100     | 100     |
| "Gas 2" - ventilation for threshold concentration below ( $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ )             | 226       | 13      | 150       | 34      | 23      | 59      |
| "Gas 2" - threshold concentration, flux = unprotected flux ( $\mu\text{g m}^{-2}$ )          | 216       | 12      | 137       | 31      | 23      | 55      |
| "Gas 2" - threshold concentration, flux = threshold flux ( $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ )            | 2736      | 259     | 2070      | 591     | imp     | 505     |
| Measured ventilation rate ( $\text{day}^{-1}$ )  | 0.19      | 0.67    | 1.39      | 0.15    | 14.9    | 0.42    |
| Optimal (advised) ventilation rate. ( $\text{day}^{-1}$ )                                    | ventilate | 0       | ventilate | 0       | 0       | 0       |

# Modelling - Results



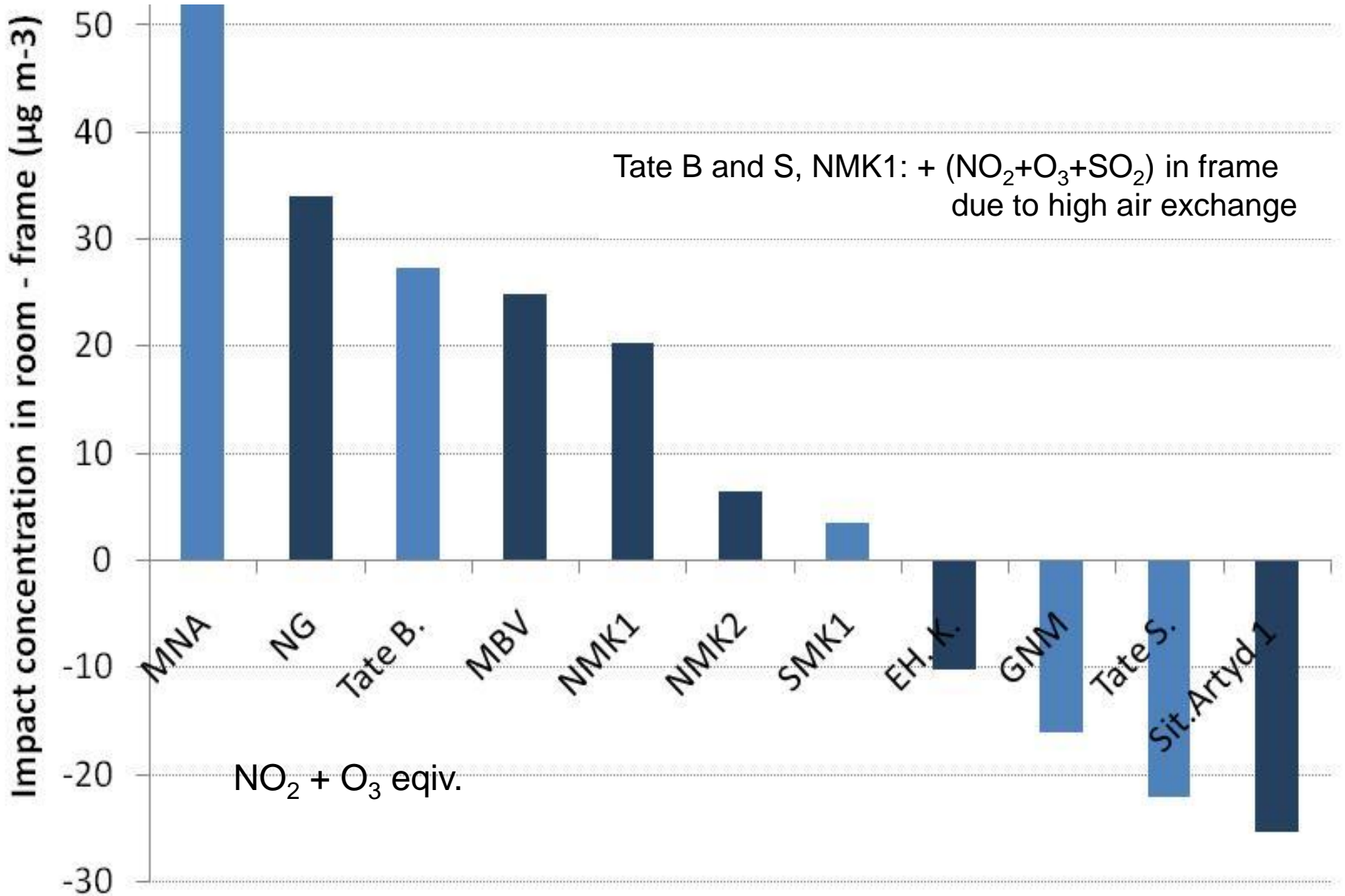
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| Frame no.   | 1     | 2    | 3          | 4     | 5         | 6     |
|---|-------|------|------------|-------|-----------|-------|
| <b>NO<sub>2</sub> + O<sub>3</sub></b><br>( $\mu\text{g m}^{-2} \text{d}^{-1}$ ) | 0.18  | 0.16 | 0.53       | 0.065 | <b>56</b> | 0.093 |
| <b>(2/100)*(Acetic + Formic acid)</b><br>( $\mu\text{g m}^{-2} \text{d}^{-1}$ ) | 584   | 55   | <b>436</b> | 125   | 66        | 108   |
| <b>Threshold (Ac + Fo) = Unprotected</b><br>( $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ )            | 216   | 12   | 137        | 31    | 23        | 55    |
| <b>Ventilate (V) or Seal (S)</b>  | V (?) | S    | V (?)      | S     | S         | S     |

# Protection effect of frames vs. rooms (gaseous pollutants)



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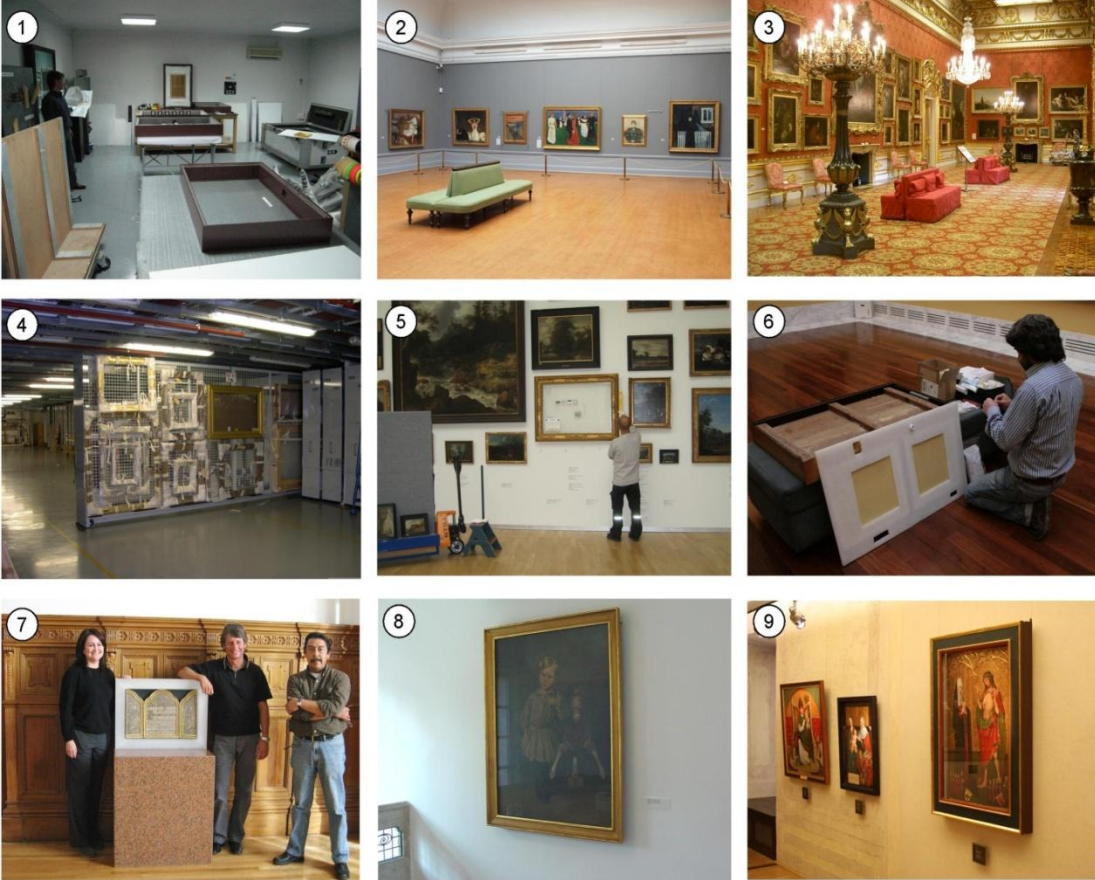
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